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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA

REF: NAIROBI 9294

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S INTENDED MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT KENYATTA ON SEPTEMBER 8, I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING
BILATERAL ITEMS BE KEPT IN MIND:

A. SINCE APRIL 25 MEETING IN NAKURU, FOLLOWING
ACCOMPLISHED:

A. U.S. SUPPORT OF KENYA: DURING UGANDA CRISIS
BY TASK FORCE PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, DESTROYERS VISIT
TO MOMBASA, P-3 FLIGHTS TO NAIROBI -- ALL OF WHICH GOK
STRONGLY BELIEVES INFLUENCED AMIN IN NOT RPT NOT INVADING
KENYA.

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B. USN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA NAVY: GOK MOST

APPRECIATIVE OF AID AND REFUELING OF TWO KENYAN PATROL BOATS IN DISTRESS OFF SOMALI COAST, ACCOMPANYING THEM TO MOMBASA LAST WEEK OF AUGUST.

C. MILITARY: LOA FOR SQUADRON OF F-5E/F AIRCRAFT SIGNED BY GOK; REQUEST SUBMITTED TO MINDEF BY EMBASSY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE AND DAO IN NAIROBI. NO REPLY YET; EMBASSY BELIEVES MINDEF WILL APPROVE SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE BUT ASK FOR ONE NOT THREE OFFICERS, NOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD GOK MUST PAY COSTS. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOK MAY POSTPONE DECISION ON DAO.

2. REMAINING MILITARY ISSUES FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION:

A. BY GOK: A-4. I RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY TAKE POSITION (IF ASKED) THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO CONSIDER GOK REQUEST FOR A-4 AIRCRAFT AT THIS TIME AS (1) IT BEYOND CAPABILITY OF SMALL KENYAN AIR FORCE TO MASTER SECOND SOPHISTICATED WEAPON SYSTEM AT SAME TIME AS F-5E/F PROGRAM, (2) ADDITIONAL FMS CREDITS TO COVER A-4 PROGRAM NOT AVAILABLE, AND (3) F-5E/F AIRCRAFT ALSO HAVE GOOD ATTACK CAPABILITY. SECRETARY MIGHT ASSURE KENYATTA, HOWEVER, THAT REQUEST FOR A-4S COULD BE RE-CONSIDERED IN THREE-FOUR YEARS.

B. BY US: P-3. USG MAY WISH ESTABLISH FLIGHTS INTO NAIROBI, MOMBASA. (SEE NAIROBI 8915 FOR MY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.)

3. KENYATTA VISIT TO U.S.: KENYATTA AWAITING SUGGESTED DATES AND ALTERNATE DATES FOR VISIT TO U.S. "BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR," PER INVITATION EXTENDED BY THE SECRETARY DURING APRIL 25 MEETING. IF INVITATION IS TO BE MADE, THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER OFFERING USAF AIRCRAFT FOR JOURNEY IN VIEW KENYATTA'S AGE AND HEALTH.

4. KENYAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S.: SELECTED, U.S. AGREEMENT GIVEN, BUT KENYATTA HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED HIS APPOINTMENT (SEE STATE 199277).

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